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OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

20 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO

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ATTENTION : GMP Staff, Mrs. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Critical Need for Cuban Publications

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25X1A9a1. Reference is made to a conversation between Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library this week concerning the collection requirement for Cuban publications initiated by him (your case 35538). It was called to our attention that the Miami FBI representative has acquired certain Cuban publications and has not offered them to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a [REDACTED]. I have developed the following summary to assist your people in pointing out to the Bureau the importance we attach to this material reaching Washington as quickly as possible.

2. As Chairman of the USIB Committee on Procurement (PROCIB), made up of representatives from State, AEC, the Defense agencies, CIA, and certain other components in the Executive and Legislative Branches, it is my responsibility to ensure that the procurement of foreign published literature is coordinated sufficiently well among the participating agencies that the needs of research analysts and specialists for intelligence data are met. During the past eight months, the Cuban publications situation has occupied a considerable portion of the Committee's attention; the cessation of U.S. -Cuban diplomatic relations in December 1960 necessitated extensive and extraordinary procurement action. For example, all Latin American and other selected Foreign Service posts have been asked to make special efforts to procure available Cuban publications in their host areas; the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay has been providing all available Cuban publications to ONI, Washington; the Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress has agreed to provide photocopies of all Cuban receipts; the Army and Air Attaches at selected posts have been alerted to the Committee's current needs for Cuban publications, etc. In every case, all incoming Cuban

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publications are sent to the CIA Library, where photoreproductions of publications received only in single copy are made; this operation ensures that the several Washington agencies utilizing Cuban publications are provided with the basic data as soon as possible.

3. I trust that the above will convey to you in some measure the importance we attach to the speedy and (if possible) regularized receipt of Cuban publications. It is my hope that [REDACTED] can convince the 25X1A6a Bureau representative [REDACTED] of the high priority we have given to this program. 25X1A6a

4. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

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